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SUBJECT: Item for DCI/Secretary of State Meeting of 27 April 1984

1. The Agency is taking the initiative to release to the National Archives (NARS) a substantial portion of OSS records that are of historical value. A team of CIA officers has been reviewing the records for declassification, particularly to remove information that reveals sources and methods and items of continuing counterintelligence interest. The team has also identified information derived from foreign governments, and other material that might have a negative effect on U.S. relationships with other countries.

2. NARS will be responsible for handling the actual release to the public. NARS will also clear with other governments that information provided by them.

3. No definite date for release of the first batch of material has been set, but this is likely to begin sometime during the next several months. At the appropriate time CIA and NARS will make a public announcement. The total transfer of this collection of records will be completed in about one year.

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5. It is clear from discussions with congressional committees on pending FOIA legislation, that there will be considerable interest in Congress on the progress being made toward making available the OSS materials.

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